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Dear Sir,

British Patent Application No. 35507/71
Philip Morris Incorporated. Your File:
582-703 Great Britain. Our Folio No.
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Thank you for your letter of 12th December 1972.

We have now revised the specification in order to meet the various objections raised by the Examiner. We are enclosing two copies each of new pages 3 to 8 and 14 to 16 which are to take the place of original pages 2 to 7 and 13 to 16. We have renumbered page 1 as page 2 (the title page of a British Patent Specification constitutes page 1) and propose to retain this page and original pages 8 to 12 when amended as follows:

Page 2	line 1	:	Replace "product and method" by "material and to its preparation"
	line 2	:	Delete "of making same."
	lines 8 and 12	:	Replace "product" by "material"
Pages 8 to 12		:	Renumber as pages 9 to 13 and, referring to new page numbering, amend as follows:
Page 9	line 2	:	Before "glycerine" insert "such as"
	line 3	:	Replace "constitute" by "be used at the rate of"
	line 11	:	Delete "about"

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Page10 line 29 : Replace "insure" by "ensure"

Page 12 line 9 : Before "phosphate" insert "hydrogen"

In order that you may appreciate the nature of the changes incorporated in the new pages we are enclosing a xerox copy of the amended original pages from which they were prepared.

We have, as you requested, retained the product per se claims, claims 21 to 27 as originally on file, and have made these claims into the main claims. The process claims have been made appendant to the product per se claims. We ask you particularly to check the wording proposed for the main product claim since it differs significantly from the form of claim originally on file as claim 21. It did not appear to us to be correct to say that the hydrolysed residues were necessarily admixed with the cross-linked beet pectins. While it may be the case that the cross-linking reaction is not complete it might well be difficult to detect the presence of uncross-linked hydrolysate.

The remaining changes are for the most part quite straightforward and are in direct answer to the various objections raised by the Examiner in the first Official Letter. We have provided, where necessary, counterparts to each of the various claims now presented and employ essentially the same terminology throughout the specification.

There is one point on which we need some assistance. This concerns Example 3 in which it is stated that all of the various ingredients except the pulp and calcium hydroxide were dissolved in water. Since the hydrolysis step is usually carried out in an acid medium we wonder if it is true that the potassium hydroxide is dissolved at this stage. In the case of Example 4 the hydroxides, including the monovalent hydroxides, were not added until after the cooking step.

Please check the amendments which we suggest be made most carefully and let us know whether or not they meet with your approval. The normal term for securing acceptance of this application will not expire until 28th January 1974 but we look forward to receiving your further instructions in good time before then, preferably no later than 23rd April next.

Yours faithfully,

J.A. KEMP & CO.

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